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1. The USSR has vested responsibility for the handling of all goods entering and leaving the territory of the USSR in a group of forwarding agencies subject to the Ministry for Foreign Trade.
2. These agencies are sea, harbor, and frontier agencies only and have no concern with forwarding in the interior of the USSR, this task being carried out by separate agencies of the Ministry of the River Fleet and the Ministry of Railways.
3. At present, there are four Soviet frontier forwarding agencies, as follows:
 - a. For North European USSR, the Levneshtans (Leningradskaya Vneshnyaya Transportno-Ekspeditorskaya Kontora - Leningrad Foreign Transport-Forwarding Office) with its center in Leningrad.
 - b. For South European USSR and the Balkans, the Yuzhvneshtrans (Yuzhnaya Vneshnyaya Transportno-Ekspeditorskaya Kontora - Southern Foreign Transport Forwarding Office) with its center in Odessa.
 - c. For the Far East, the Dalvneshtrans (Dalnovostochnaya Vneshnyaya Transportno-Ekspeditorskaya Kontora - Far East Foreign Transport-Forwarding Office) with its center in Vladivostok.
4. The creation of a fifth agency for the handling of trade with China is under consideration.
5. The State Railway Forwarding Agency Dorteks (Dorozhnaya Transportno-Ekspeditorskaya Kontora - Road Transport-Forwarding Office) also maintains branches at the termini

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on the Soviet western frontier of the main railways from the West (i.e., at Zahony, Cierna pri Cope, etc) and is there jointly responsible with the main forwarding agency for the handling and transfer of goods. Dorteks is responsible to the Ministry of Communications (sic).

6. All the forwarding agencies work on the Khozraschet basis; that is to say that they are considered as juridical persons for whom the state does not make itself liable; they must cover their own costs and show an annual profit.
7. They are divided into two branches each, import and export.
8. On the export side, the agencies are responsible for packing of the goods, marking, fulfillment of all export formalities, and oceanborne small-goods shipment (Seesammelvekehr).
9. On the import side, they are responsible for the acceptance of the goods, inspection and subsequent protest or claim for damages on goods harmed in transit, re-expedition to the interior of the country, and small goods shipment to the interior.
10. The agencies are not responsible for insurance, which is taken out by the exporter with Gosstrakh and for the importer by the Soviet Trade Delegation in the country of origin of the goods.

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